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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM, 26 NOVEMBER

1. SCRANTON SAW THE SECRETARY GENERAL AT 12:45 P.M., TODAY CONCERNING THE GERVASI EPISODE. ARTICLE IN THE LONDON SUNDAY TIMES, COUNTERSPY, AND GERVASI "STUDY" WHERE PRESENTED TO THE SYG AND THE SALIENT FEATURES THEREOF POINTED OUT. ALL THREE WERE GIVEN TO THE SYG.

2. SCRANTON STATED IN STRONG TERMS TO THE SYG THAT ALL OF THE CHARGES CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES WERE ABSOLUTE FABRICATIONS: NO EVIDENCE FOR SAME WHATSOEVER. THE DISMISSAL OF SEAN GERVASI WAS DEMANDED.

3. SYG WAS AWARE OF THE SUNDAY TIMES ARTICLE, EXPLAINED THAT THERE WERE NO SUCH UN MEMORANDA ON HIS DESK, AND ASSURED SCRANTON THAT GERVASI WOULD BE DISMISSED. HE STATED FURTHER THAT UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL TANG MING-CHAO (POLITICAL AFFAIRS, TRUSTEESHIP AND DECOLONIZATION) HAD ALSO COMPLAINED ABOUT GERVASI TO THE SYG THIS MORNING.

4. WITH REGARD TO MACBRIDE, SYG STATED UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT MACBRIDE WAS RETIRING DECEMBER 31, 1976, AND WOULD NOT BE CONTINUED THEREAFTER.
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